



MENDON

Worcester County



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NARRATIVE

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Mendon is historically a rural, agrarian community located in the Blackstone Valley. Mendon is the second oldest town in Worcester County, and the community has one of the best preserved Federal/Greek Revival hilltop village centers in the state, adjacent to large tracts of open space. Much of the remaining town is undeveloped land, and there is also a large lake of over 90 acres. Most of the town's streams and rivers are part of the Blackstone River's drainage basin.

At a community level, the above atmosphere acts as a backdrop for large, regional activities like the annual Country Fair which brought 14,000 visitors, the Strawberry Festival which drew 4,000 participants and the 325th Anniversary Celebration in 1992 which involved the whole town.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Southern Massachusetts, bordered by Bellingham on the east, Blackstone and Millville on the south, Uxbridge and Northbridge on the west, Upton on the northwest, and Hopedale on the north. Mendon is 33 miles southwest of Boston; 28 miles north of Providence, Rhode Island; and 185 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 18.26 sq. miles

Land Area: 18.10 sq. miles

Population: 4,010

Density: 222 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(West Medway Station)

Normal temperature in January.....23.9°F

Normal temperature in July.....70.8°F

Normal annual precipitation.....46.6"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Blackstone, Milford, Franklin

Regional Planning Agency

Central Massachusetts

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 473-2312

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1667

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

| | Number | % | |
|-------------------|--------|------|---|
| Total Registered | 2,544 | | |
| Democrats | 590 | 23.2 | % |
| Republicans | 480 | 18.9 | % |
| Other parties | 0 | 0.0 | % |
| Unenrolled Voters | 1,474 | 57.9 | % |

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Mendon town, Worcester County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

| Subject | Number | Percent | Subject | Number | Percent |
|---|--------|---------|--|--------|---------|
| Total population..... | 5,286 | 100.0 | HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE | | |
| SEX AND AGE | | | Total population..... | 5,286 | 100.0 |
| Male..... | 2,623 | 49.6 | Hispanic or Latino (of any race)..... | 51 | 1.0 |
| Female..... | 2,663 | 50.4 | Mexican..... | 6 | 0.1 |
| Under 5 years..... | 416 | 7.9 | Puerto Rican..... | 17 | 0.3 |
| 5 to 9 years..... | 473 | 8.9 | Cuban..... | 4 | 0.1 |
| 10 to 14 years..... | 443 | 8.4 | Other Hispanic or Latino..... | 24 | 0.5 |
| 15 to 19 years..... | 319 | 6.0 | Not Hispanic or Latino..... | 5,235 | 99.0 |
| 20 to 24 years..... | 170 | 3.2 | White alone..... | 5,145 | 97.3 |
| 25 to 34 years..... | 563 | 10.7 | RELATIONSHIP | | |
| 35 to 44 years..... | 1,166 | 22.1 | Total population..... | 5,286 | 100.0 |
| 45 to 54 years..... | 866 | 16.4 | In households..... | 5,270 | 99.7 |
| 55 to 59 years..... | 262 | 5.0 | Householder..... | 1,815 | 34.3 |
| 60 to 64 years..... | 165 | 3.1 | Spouse..... | 1,297 | 24.5 |
| 65 to 74 years..... | 245 | 4.6 | Child..... | 1,823 | 34.5 |
| 75 to 84 years..... | 144 | 2.7 | Own child under 18 years..... | 1,472 | 27.8 |
| 85 years and over..... | 54 | 1.0 | Other relatives..... | 189 | 3.6 |
| Median age (years)..... | 37.1 | (X) | Under 18 years..... | 65 | 1.2 |
| 18 years and over..... | 3,725 | 70.5 | Nonrelatives..... | 146 | 2.8 |
| Male..... | 1,835 | 34.7 | Unmarried partner..... | 70 | 1.3 |
| Female..... | 1,890 | 35.8 | In group quarters..... | 16 | 0.3 |
| 21 years and over..... | 3,600 | 68.1 | Institutionalized population..... | - | - |
| 62 years and over..... | 543 | 10.3 | Noninstitutionalized population..... | 16 | 0.3 |
| 65 years and over..... | 443 | 8.4 | HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE | | |
| Male..... | 195 | 3.7 | Total households..... | 1,815 | 100.0 |
| Female..... | 248 | 4.7 | Family households (families)..... | 1,451 | 79.9 |
| RACE | | | With own children under 18 years..... | 766 | 42.2 |
| One race..... | 5,240 | 99.1 | Married-couple family..... | 1,297 | 71.5 |
| White..... | 5,180 | 98.0 | With own children under 18 years..... | 706 | 38.9 |
| Black or African American..... | 21 | 0.4 | Female householder, no husband present..... | 113 | 6.2 |
| American Indian and Alaska Native..... | - | - | With own children under 18 years..... | 44 | 2.4 |
| Asian..... | 31 | 0.6 | Nonfamily households..... | 364 | 20.1 |
| Asian Indian..... | 3 | 0.1 | Householder living alone..... | 290 | 16.0 |
| Chinese..... | 14 | 0.3 | Householder 65 years and over..... | 112 | 6.2 |
| Filipino..... | 1 | - | Households with individuals under 18 years..... | 811 | 44.7 |
| Japanese..... | 4 | 0.1 | Households with individuals 65 years and over..... | 332 | 18.3 |
| Korean..... | 5 | 0.1 | Average household size..... | 2.90 | (X) |
| Vietnamese..... | 4 | 0.1 | Average family size..... | 3.28 | (X) |
| Other Asian ¹ | - | - | HOUSING OCCUPANCY | | |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander..... | - | - | Total housing units..... | 1,886 | 100.0 |
| Native Hawaiian..... | - | - | Occupied housing units..... | 1,815 | 96.2 |
| Guamanian or Chamorro..... | - | - | Vacant housing units..... | 71 | 3.8 |
| Samoan..... | - | - | For seasonal, recreational, or | | |
| Other Pacific Islander ² | - | - | occasional use..... | 16 | 0.8 |
| Some other race..... | 8 | 0.2 | Homeowner vacancy rate (percent)..... | 0.9 | (X) |
| Two or more races..... | 46 | 0.9 | Rental vacancy rate (percent)..... | 5.4 | (X) |
| Race alone or in combination with one | | | HOUSING TENURE | | |
| or more other races: ³ | | | Occupied housing units..... | 1,815 | 100.0 |
| White..... | 5,224 | 98.8 | Owner-occupied housing units..... | 1,806 | 88.5 |
| Black or African American..... | 28 | 0.5 | Renter-occupied housing units..... | 209 | 11.5 |
| American Indian and Alaska Native..... | 15 | 0.3 | Average household size of owner-occupied units..... | 3.01 | (X) |
| Asian..... | 41 | 0.8 | Average household size of renter-occupied units..... | 2.05 | (X) |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander..... | 1 | - | | | |
| Some other race..... | 26 | 0.5 | | | |

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

| | |
|-----------------------|----|
| Conventional State: | 30 |
| Conventional Federal: | 0 |

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

| | |
|----------------------|----|
| State (MRVP: | 44 |
| Federal (Section 8): | 0 |



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Mendon is located in the Blackstone River Valley. Situated between Interstates 90, 395, and 495, the Blackstone Valley has good highway and rail access to the ports, airports, and intermodal facilities of Worcester, Providence and Boston.

Major Highways

Principal highways are State Routes 16 and 140.

Rail

There is no freight rail service in Mendon, but the town has easy access to the network of intermodal facilities serving Eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Bus

Mendon is not affiliated with a regional transit authority.

Other

The Norfolk Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility is easily accessible. It has a 2,700' asphalt runway with a copter approach. Scheduled passenger service is available from the Worcester Municipal Airport, a Primary Commercial (PR) facility. It has 2 asphalt runways 5,500' and 6,999' long. Instrument approaches available: Precision and non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

None

Hospices

Hospice Of Greater Milford

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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